

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

November 9, 2006, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 5, 2006, and the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2006.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Gentle Giant Moving Co. for winning the 2006 International Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics, presented by the Council of Better Business Bureaus.
4. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Commending Robert and Virginia Kulas on the happy occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
5. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending the Somerville Allied Veterans and all Somerville Veterans for their honorable and courageous service to our nation.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

6. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests that the Dedication Committee consider alternatives to street signs when memorializing individuals on public spaces.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the hot patch on the sidewalk at 17 Bonner Ave. with cement.
8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police monitor traffic on Lowell St. between Summer St. and Somerville Ave. for vehicles traveling in the wrong direction.

9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking ensure that the one-way signage on Lowell St. between Summer St. and Somerville Ave. is clearly designated.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD enforce the Notification Ordinance pertaining to 199 Summer St.
11. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police contact DCR to request that two crossing guards be assigned at the corner of Broadway and McGrath Hwy. to assist students crossing this major intersection safely.
12. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police increase directed patrols near 70 Perkins St.
13. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave the walkway to the East Branch Library.
14. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the street light on Florence St. near Pearl St.
15. Resolution By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider waiving the fee for the residential parking permit program for all residents who are veterans.
16. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the Peter Piro Sq. sign at Medford and Partridge Sts.(2<sup>nd</sup> request)
17. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to immediately replace or secure the double pole at 14 Morrison Ave., as it is hanging two feet off the ground and is poorly attached to the existing pole.
18. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street light at Broadway and Cedar St., specifically the open access panel at the bottom.
19. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street light at Cross and Pearl Sts., specifically the open access panel at the bottom.
20. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the school crossing sign at Spring and Summer Sts., directly in front of St. Catherine's Church.
21. Order By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking reposition the street cleaning sign at 145 Summer St.

22.     Order           By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate the subcontractors cutting curbs, setting pipes and sewers and repairing sidewalks on Summer St. with the company doing the repaving, so that the time between the repairs and the actual paving will not be so great that more damage is done.
  
23.     Order           By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works update the schedule of work on Summer St. and notify the residents of any changes.
  
24.     Order           By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works finish the sidewalks along Summer St. as soon as possible as they are causing a dangerous situation for pedestrians and motorists.
  
25.     Order           By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works re-inspect Summer St. and repair any new potholes created since the street was scraped.
  
26.     Order           By Ald. Desmond, Roche, O'Donovan, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street cleaning signs that are unreadable at the following locations: 15, 25 and 95 Highland Ave., 94, 97 and 123 Morrison Ave., 7 Wheeler St., Broadway at Trum Field, and 170 Summer St.
  
27.     Resolution       By Ald. Desmond, Roche, O'Donovan, Taylor and Gewirtz, That the fines for all street cleaning violations be waived from this evening until legible signs are installed, at the following locations: 15, 25 and 95 Highland Ave., 94, 97 and 123 Morrison Ave., 7 Wheeler St., Broadway at Trum Field, and 170 Summer St.
  
28.     Order           By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the blinking red light at Summer and Porter Sts.
  
29.     Order           By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Ash Ave. to the list of the streets to be paved in Ward 4.
  
30.     Order           By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 45-49 Thurston St.
  
31.     Order           By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree at 42 Governor Winthrop Rd.
  
32.     Order           By Ald. Heuston, That the Argenziano School Project Manager appear before this Board to provide an update as to completion date, recent changes in the Project Manager and Clerk of the Works positions, and budget performance to date.

33. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police provide this Board with an update regarding Police personnel assigned to monitor activity in liquor establishments in the City.
34. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board how the City communicates with NStar to replace street lights.
35. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to replace the street lights at Merriam St. and Somerville Ave. and at 222 Somerville Ave.
36. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide a list of the benches installed in Ward 2 and a time frame for the installation of those remaining.
37. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works review the lighting at Osgood St. Park and make improvements to provide for more safety and security.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for Osgood St. Park to monitor after hour activity, possible drug sales and other illegal activity in the park.
39. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 2 Alderman with a schedule of cleaning and maintenance for all Parks and open spaces in Ward 2, including Osgood St. Park.
40. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the numerous potholes on Elmwood St.
41. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking stop all enforcement near Victoria St., Waterhouse St., Woodstock St., Garrison Ave. and Hooker Ave. during the pipeline construction project.
42. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board extends it thanks to all of the poll workers for their assistance and service to the city during the November 7 election.
43. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services report to the Ward 6 Alderman the contractors performing work on Hawthorne St. and determine why they have been blocking pedestrian access to the sidewalk.
44. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking affix stickers to all meters in Davis Sq. informing residents and visitors that the meters now end at 8 PM.

- 45.     Order           By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Neighborhood Impact Team visit 100 Josephine Ave. to inspect for trash violations.
  
- 46.     Order           By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the tree at 58 Liberty Ave. and remove it if it is dead.
  
- 47.     Order           By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works instruct Crowley's Clippers to replace the lavender plants (perennials) that were pulled out, roots and all from the Powderhouse Rotary, and replace any other Garden Club plantings that were recently removed.
  
- 48.     Resolution     By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that appropriate parties at Federal Realty Investment Trust and the Mystic View Task Force appear before the Committee on Housing and Community Development to discuss the recent agreement at Assembly Sq.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- 49.     Committee Report     Report of the Committee on Land Use, November 2.
  
- 50.     Committee Report     Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, November 8.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

- 51.     Mayor's Request       Requesting approval to transfer \$54,866 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various Board of Aldermen Accts. to fund Ordinance 2006-13.
  
- 52.     Mayor's Request       Requesting approval to transfer \$19,845 from the Salary Contingency Acct. to the Executive Admin. Salaries Acct. to fund Ordinance 2006-13.
  
- 53.     Mayor's Request       Requesting approval to transfer funds from the Salary Contingency Acct. to various departmental Salaries Accts. to fund Ordinance 2006-13.
  
- 54.     Mayor's Request       Requesting approval for a Supplemental Appropriation of \$150,000 to the Capital Project Management Prof. & Tech. Services Acct. to fund repairs to the Buena Vista Garage.

55. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for a Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,000 to the Personnel Prof. & Tech. Services Acct. to hire a consultant to assist in the selection of a new Police Chief.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$5,000 from the Police Salary Acct. to the Animal Control Overtime Acct.
57. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to use \$5,692 in available funds to fully fund the vacant Principal Clerk II position in the City Clerk's Office on a full-time basis.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to pay two prior year invoices totaling \$118.17 in the Inspectional Services Dept.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$1,911,849 from HUD for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grants.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$1,572,670 from HUD for Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grants.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$192,104 from the MA Office of Environmental Affairs for the Community Path Extension and Park Project.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting consideration of an Ordinance relative to shopping cart theft-prevention devices.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Enid Kumin and Jing Dai to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting to appear before a joint meeting of the Public Health and Safety/Capital Planning Committees to present pedestrian and bicycle safety recommendations developed by the Safe-START Committee.
65. Mayor's Comm. Conveying suggested standards for use by the Commission on Monuments, Memorials and Dedications.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

66. City Officer Comm. Planning Board responding to the proposed Rezoning of 100-114 Temple St. and 8-16 Butler Dr. (St. Polycarps).
67. City Officer Comm. SPCD Director responding to various Board Orders.
68. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

69.     Public Occ     Public Property Occupancy Permit, High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team Canning Drive, Broadway/McGrath/Foss Park area, Dec. 2 & 9, 8:30-12:30.
70.     Drain Layer     New Drain Laying License, Coleman Utilities.
71.     Drain Layer     New Drain Laying License, JJ Phelan & Son Inc.
72.     Flamm. Lic.     Renewal of Flammables License, M.S. Walker Inc., 20 Third Ave., 90,000 gallons.
73.     Flamm. Lic.     Renewal of Flammables License (2005), Haddad Service Station Inc., 205 McGrath Hwy., 27,000 gallons.
74.     Flamm. Lic.     Renewal of Flammables License, Haddad Service Station Inc., 205 McGrath Hwy., 27,000 gallons.
75.     Flamm. Lic.     Renewal of Flammables License, Fortini's Service Station, 225-227 Beacon St., 7,318 gallons.
76.     Garage Lic.     Renewal of Garage License, Aris Auto Inc., 3920 Mystic Ave., 30,394 gallons.
77.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy St.
78.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Nissenbaums Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
79.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, All Rite Auto Inc., 38-42 Medford St.
80.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Herb Chambers I-93 dba Chambers Motors, 259 McGrath Hwy.
81.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Concord Auto Service, 73 Summer St.
82.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Vicente Bros Auto Sales, 345 Medford St.
83.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Prestige Auto Imports Inc., dba Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.
84.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Mystic Auto Sales & Service, 712 Mystic Ave.
85.     Used Car Lic     Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Barnes & Walsh Co., 224 Somerville Ave.

- 86.     Used Car Lic   Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
- 87.     Used Car Lic   Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class III, Nissenbaum's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.
- 88.     Used Car Lic   Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class III, Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc., 512 Columbia St.
- 89.     Used Car Lic   Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class III, Joseph Talewsky & Son Inc., 517 Columbia St.
- 90.     Sign/Awning    Sign/Awning Permit, Bow Street Flowers, 108 Beacon St., Projecting Sign.
- 91.     Sign/Awning    Sign/Awning Permit, Candy Colored Clogs Inc. dba Union Boot, 253 Washington St., Sign.
- 92.     Open Air Lic   Renewal of Open Air Vendor License, Full Circle/Next Wave School, Foss Park, Christmas Trees and Wreaths, Dec. 1-22, M-F 4-8PM, Sat-Sun 10-9PM.
- 93.     Amusements    Renewal of Automatic Amusement Devices License, Good Time Billiard Inc., 30 Sturtevant St., 215 devices.
- 94.     Comm.          Ron Francis Re: Human Right of Return.

**LATE ITEMS**